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In the Specification

Please amend the specification as set forth below:

Please replace the title paragraph beginning at page 1, line 1 with the following replacement title paragraph:

CLOSURE DEVICE WITH MEANS FOR STORING A TAMPER-EVIDENT TAB
AND CONTAINER EQUIPPED ~~THEREWITH~~ WITH SUCH A CLOSURE DEVICE

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 20 with the following replacement paragraph:

At a certain distance from each of its two ends, the line of lesser mechanical resistance 9 inclines towards the toward a free edge 12 of the skirt 5, then defines a bow 13, ~~[[whose]]~~ having a concavity ~~faces towards~~ that faces toward the closure element 4 and ~~[[which]]~~ that extends ~~diametrically~~ diametrically opposite the hinge 10.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 9 with the following replacement paragraph:

The neck 2 presents an outer, ~~helicoidal~~ helical thread 17, ~~thanks to~~ onto which a cap (not shown) may be screwed on ~~[[this]]~~ the neck 2, in the absence of the closure device 1. This thread

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17 is axially offset ~~towards~~ toward the free edge of ~~[[this]]~~ the neck 2~~[[,]]~~ with respect to the bead 16. Between the bead 16 and the thread 17, the skirt 5 and the neck 2 define ~~between them~~ an annular storage space 18, to which the hole 14 provides access.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 21 with the following replacement paragraph:

As ~~may be seen~~ shown in Figure ~~[[9]]~~ 6, the removal to fhte tamper-evident tab 6 leaves a notch 19 in the skirt 5. At the level of the bow 13, the edge of ~~[[this]]~~ the notch 19 defines another notch 20, which is smaller, deeper, and located opposite the hinge 10. This small notch 20 thus uncovers the neck 2 over a longer length precisely where a possible user drinking from the neck 2 is likely to apply his/her lower lip.